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The University of Dayton

News Release

BROTHER JOSEPH MOHRHAUS, S.M.
1906-1984

DAYTON, Ohio, January 16, 1985 -- Marianist Brother Joseph Mohrhaus died January 15 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was 78.

Brother Mohrhaus was the superintendent of construction projects at the University of Dayton from 1961 until his retirement in 1974. During that time a dozen major construction projects were undertaken and completed, including much of what is now the University of Dayton campus.

A native of Cincinnati, Brother Mohrhaus made his first vows as a Marianist in 1924. Teaching assignments in his early career included: St. Mary's School, Erie, Pennsylvania (1925-1930); Colegio Ponceno, Puerto Rico (1930-1935); Chaminade High School, Dayton, Ohio (1935-1941); and St. John the Baptist High School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1941-1956).

While at Chaminade High School, Brother Mohrhaus also served as business manager. From 1956 until 1960 he was business manager at St. James High School, Chester, Pennsylvania. Brother Mohrhaus came to the University of Dayton in 1960 as a prefect and assumed his role as superintendent of construction the following year.

Survivors are three sisters and three brothers: Sister Bernard Marie, Oldenburg, Indiana; Marie Mayhall, Florida; Alvina Moran, Cincinnati, Ohio; Bernard Mohrhaus, Cincinnati; Walter Mohrhaus, Cincinnati; and Aloris Mohrhaus, Newtown, Ohio. He is also survived by two nieces: Sister Aline Mohrhaus, Bridgetown, Missouri; and Pat Kramer, Cincinnati.

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Visitation will be on Friday, January 18, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in Alumni Hall Chapel on the University of Dayton campus. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in UD's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Burial will be on Saturday, January 19, at 10:00 a.m. at Queen of Heaven Cemetery (Bergamo).

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